

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Vincent Pace (Reg. No. 31,049) on November 2, 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 2, lines 1-2, "the inside of the or each pocket" has been changed to --the inside of each pocket--.

Claim 12, line 6, "in the or each pocket" has been changed to --in each pocket--.

Claim 12, line 12, "within a of the pockets" has been changed to --with each of the pockets--.

Claim 12, line 17, "an inner rod extending between the shaft and the force spreader" has been changed to --an inner rod extending from the shaft to the force spreader--.

Claim 23, lines 12-13, "an inner rod extending between the shaft and a force spreader" has been changed to --an inner rod extending from the shaft to a force spreader--.

Claim 41, lines 11-12, an inner rod extending between the shaft and a respective force spreader" has been changed to --an inner rod extending from the shaft to a respective force spreader--.

Claim 61, line 3, "in the or each pocket" has been changed to --in each pocket--.

Claim 62, lines 1-2, "the inside of the or each pocket" has been changed to --the inside of each pocket--.

Claim 63, line 1, "wherein a force spreader" has been changed to --wherein each force spreader--.

Claim 63, lines 2-3, "comprising a plurality of separate pockets" has been changed to --said canopy comprises a plurality of separate pockets--.

Claim 67, line 6, "in the or each pocket" has been changed to --in each pocket--.

Claim 67, line 11, "the force spreader" has been changed to --each force spreader--.

Claim 67, line 12, "canopy, comprising" has been changed to --canopy and comprising--.

Claim 67, line 15, "within the pocket" has been changed to --within each pocket--.

Claim 67, line 16, "are splayed about the pivot oat or near the periphery of the canopy" has been changed to --are splayed within each pocket--.

Claim 68, line 4, "a first member" has been changed to --the first member--.

Claim 69, line 2, "providing" has been changed to --mounting--.

Claim 69, lines 3-4, "first and second spreading members for bearing against an internal portion of a respective pocket when in the expanded state," has been deleted.

Claim 69, lines 4-5, "and first and second legs coupled between the hub and the first and second spreading members" has been changed to --and third and fourth legs coupled between the mounting hub and the first and second legs, respectively--.

Claim 69, lines 5-6, "a first member away from the shaft splays the spreading members via the hub and the legs" has been changed to --the first member away from the shaft splays the first and second legs via the hub and the third and fourth legs--.

Claim 70, line 2, "the spreading means via the hub and the legs" has been changed to --the first and second legs via the hub and the third and fourth legs--.

Claim 72, line 1, "extend either side" has been changed to --extend from either side--.

Claim 72, line 2, "extends continuously one leg" has been changed to --extends continuously from one leg--.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DANIELLE JACKSON whose telephone number is (571)272-2268. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30AM - 5PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-6670. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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